

REMARKS

Claims 27-29, 31, 32, and 34-38 will be pending upon entry of the present amendment. Claim 27 is amended and claims 30, 33, and 39-43 are cancelled.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowability of the subject matter of claim 33. Accordingly, claim 27 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 33 and intervening claim 30, placing independent claim 27 in condition for allowance, together with dependent claims 28, 29, 31, 32, and 34-38. Rejections of these claims are therefore moot and will not be addressed further.

Claims 39-43 are cancelled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer, thereby rendering their rejections moot, as well.

Applicant respectfully submits that all remaining claims are now in condition for allowance, and therefore requests that the Examiner reconsider this application and timely allow all pending claims. Examiner Larson is encouraged to contact Mr. Bennett by telephone at (206) 694-4848 to address any informalities that may remain unresolved.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,
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